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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED

1971-72



Details of slaughterings are compiled from the following sources:

- (i) Principal abattoirs: monthly statistical returns,
- (ii) Country butcheries: annual statistical returns,
- (iii) Farms and stations: annual farm census.

In the case of (iii) above, numbers only of livestock slaughtered are collected, dressed carcass weights being estimated on the basis of particulars compiled from the annual returns from country butcheries. The monthly details of slaughterings shown in Table 2 include estimates derived by apportioning the annual totals for country butcheries, and farms and stations.

Livestock slaughtered for boiling down and livestock slaughtered for human consumption but subsequently condemned are excluded from these statistics.

No. 1 - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED (a)

Item		1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Cattle -						
Number slaughtered		308,520	346,171	381,870	340,276	383,637
Dressed carcass weight	tons	58,066	66,893	70,848	62,894	75,727
Calves -						
Number slaughtered		24,364	19,895	20,413	7,691	5,343
Dressed carcass weight	tons	1,183	858	1,054	424	343
Sheep -						
Number slaughtered		2,008,511	2,378,985	3,164,035	2,931,480	4,105,975
Dressed carcass weight	tons	38,123	46,793	57,898	55,645	76,671
Lambs -						
Number slaughtered		1,163,995	1,429,458	1,370,402	1,484,840	1,894,541
Dressed carcass weight	tons	16,936	20,920	18,916	21,756	26,788
Pigs -						
Number slaughtered		242,184	262,682	315,632	316,262	367,254
Dressed carcass weight	tons	13,159	14,006	16,718	16,470	19,647
Total dressed carcass weight of all livestock slaughtered	tons	127,467	149,470	165,434	157,189	199,176

(a) Excludes offal.

No. 2 - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED (a): 1970-71 AND 1971-72

Month	Cattle		Calves		Sheep		Lambs		Pigs	
	Number slaughtered	Dressed carcass weight tons								
1970 - July	36,838	6,815	828	45	211,782	3,876	100,733	1,433	28,966	1,527
August	32,823	5,826	970	55	269,275	4,943	118,872	1,695	30,037	1,564
September	32,775	5,842	746	43	231,750	4,491	188,288	2,692	27,931	1,399
October	28,471	5,257	910	52	219,571	4,335	242,525	3,520	28,451	1,474
November	15,407	2,792	395	19	87,727	1,740	67,417	1,008	21,858	1,207
December	26,542	4,930	622	34	195,636	3,809	107,546	1,655	26,788	1,308
1971 - January	28,441	5,280	674	41	270,447	5,159	104,788	1,549	24,723	1,296
February	24,550	4,455	621	34	264,317	4,935	98,463	1,451	22,366	1,164
March	24,271	4,397	514	27	271,613	5,075	101,118	1,482	26,450	1,385
April	22,926	4,213	444	24	304,941	5,717	108,438	1,584	24,506	1,255
May	29,226	5,611	468	25	320,388	6,086	114,741	1,726	28,067	1,523
June	38,006	7,476	499	25	284,033	5,479	131,911	1,961	26,119	1,368
Total, 1970-71	340,276	62,894	7,691	424	2,931,480	55,645	1,484,840	21,756	316,262	16,470
1971 - July	38,953	7,749	540	34	315,835	6,042	134,179	1,911	28,527	1,556
August	37,548	7,177	563	37	298,657	5,825	182,490	2,530	30,465	1,654
September	36,611	6,968	582	37	293,487	5,702	239,936	3,337	30,888	1,671
October	34,604	6,639	526	33	278,923	5,449	299,923	4,204	30,021	1,620
November	26,432	5,501	451	30	311,356	5,934	228,227	3,199	32,382	1,764
December	27,516	5,550	505	33	399,123	7,619	134,321	1,971	29,206	1,434
1972 - January	27,193	5,473	389	26	368,329	6,903	113,534	1,651	25,208	1,311
February	24,638	4,881	319	21	370,690	6,831	100,535	1,455	27,657	1,468
March	26,786	5,238	309	20	412,400	7,364	109,626	1,579	28,820	1,550
April	26,311	5,108	306	21	359,935	6,570	112,914	1,599	31,514	1,676
May	38,542	7,760	465	29	406,254	7,248	120,254	1,647	39,962	2,199
June	38,503	7,683	388	22	290,986	5,184	118,602	1,705	32,604	1,744
Total, 1971-72	383,637	75,727	5,343	343	4,105,975	76,671	1,894,541	26,788	367,254	19,647

(a) Excludes offal.

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